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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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Filing Date	12/22/2003
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LIQUID PHASE OXIDATION OF P-XYLENE TO TEREPHTHALIC ACID IN THE PRESENCE OF A CATALYST SYSTEM CONTAINING NICKEL, MANGANESE, AND BROMINE ATOMS

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto
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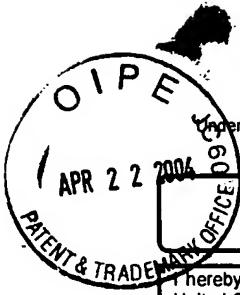
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